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TO: { Directors Of Field Operations, Port Directors }

FROM: { Director AD/CVD & Revenue Policy & Programs }

RE: FINAL DETERMINATIONS IN THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION  
INVESTIGATIONS OF CALCIUM ALUMINATE CEMENT, CEMENT CLINKER AND FLUX FROM  
FRANCE.

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TO: REGIONAL DIRECTORS, COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS

DISTRICT DIRECTORS, AREA AND PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, TRADE COMPLIANCE DIVISION

RE: FINAL DETERMINATIONS IN THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION  
INVESTIGATIONS OF CALCIUM ALUMINATE CEMENT, CEMENT CLINKER  
AND FLUX FROM FRANCE.

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE WILL PUBLISH IN THE FEDERAL  
REGISTER ON MARCH 25, 1994, THE NOTICE OF ITS FINAL  
DETERMINATIONS THAT CALCIUM ALUMINATE (CA) CEMENT, CEMENT CLINKER  
AND FLUX FROM FRANCE ARE BEING SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES AT LESS  
THAN FAIR VALUE.

2. THE PRODUCTS COVERED BY THESE INVESTIGATIONS CONSTITUTE TWO  
SEPARATE CLASSES OR KINDS OF MERCHANDISE: 1) CA CEMENT AND

CEMENT CLINKER AND 2) CA FLUX. THE PRODUCTS COVERED BY THESE INVESTIGATIONS INCLUDE CA CEMENT, CEMENT CLINKER AND FLUX, OTHER THAN WHITE, HIGH PURITY CA CEMENT, CEMENT CLINKER AND FLUX. THE PRODUCTS INCLUDED IN THESE INVESTIGATIONS CONTAIN BY WEIGHT MORE THAN 32 PERCENT BUT LESS THAN 65 PERCENT ALUMINA AND MORE THAN ONE PERCENT EACH OF IRON AND SILICA.

CA CEMENT/CEMENT CLINKER AND CA FLUX HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND END USES. CA CEMENT IS A SPECIALTY HYDRAULIC NONPORTLAND CEMENT USED FOR CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES. CA CEMENT CLINKER IS THE PRIMARY MATERIAL USED AS A BINDING AGENT IN THE PRODUCTION OF CA CEMENT. CA FLUX IS USED PRIMARILY AS A DESULFURIZER AND/OR CLEANING AGENT IN THE STEEL MANUFACTURING PROCESS. CA CLINKER PRODUCED FOR SALE AS FLUX CANNOT BE USED TO PRODUCE CA CEMENT, AND CA CLINKER USED TO PRODUCE CA CEMENT CANNOT BE USED AS A FLUX IN THE PRODUCTION OF STEEL.

CA FLUX HAS A CHEMICAL COMPOSITION DISTINCT FROM CA CEMENT CLINKER. CA CEMENT CLINKER CONTAINS THE HYDRAULIC MINERAL MONOCALCIUM ALUMINATE, WHICH GIVES IT A MOLAR RATIO OF LIME TO ALUMINA OF APPROXIMATELY 1:1. IN CONTRAST, CA CLINKER SOLD AS A FLUX DOES NOT CONTAIN MONO-CALCIUM ALUMINATE; IT CONTAINS THE COMPLEX MINERAL C<sub>12</sub>A<sub>7</sub> (12CAO 7A<sub>12</sub>O<sub>2</sub>), WHICH GIVES IT A MOLAR RATIO OF LIME TO ALUMINA OF APPROXIMATELY 2:1. THIS HIGHER LIME TO ALUMINA RATIO GIVES THE CA CLINKER SOLD AS A FLUX A LOWER MELTING POINT THAN CA CEMENT, AND ALSO RESULTS IN EXTRA LIME WHICH CAN BOND WITH SULFUR AND OTHER IMPURITIES IN MOLTEN STEEL. ALTHOUGH CA CLINKER SOLD AS FLUX HAS SOME HYDRAULIC PROPERTIES, IT HYDRATES TOO QUICKLY TO BE USED FOR THOSE PROPERTIES. THESE PRODUCTS ARE CLASSIFIED UNDER THE FOLLOWING HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES (HTSUS) SUBHEADINGS: 2523.30.0000 (FOR ALUMINOUS CEMENT) AND 2523.10.0000 (FOR CEMENT CLINKER AND FLUX). ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADINGS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS PURPOSES, OUR WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS REMAINS DISPOSITIVE.

3. FOR FURTHER REPORTING PURPOSES, THIS CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION NUMBER: A-427-812. THIS NUMBER SHOULD BE USED FOR COMMERCE ONLY.

FOR CUSTOMS PURPOSES ONLY THE FOLLOWING IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS ARE FOR CA CEMENT AND CEMENT CLINKER A-427-812, FOR CA FLUX A-427-215

4. THE CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL CONTINUE TO SUSPEND LIQUIDATION OF ALL ENTRIES OF CA CEMENT AND CEMENT CLINKER FROM FRANCE THAT ARE ENTERED, OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 3, 1993. FURTHERMORE, THE CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL BEGIN THE SUSPENSION OF LIQUIDATION OF ALL ENTRIES OF CA FLUX FROM FRANCE THAT ARE ENTERED, OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE, ON OR AFTER MARCH 25, 1994. THE CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL REQUIRE A CASH DEPOSIT OR THE POSTING OF A BOND FOR ALL ENTRIES OF CA CEMENT, CEMENT CLINKER AND FLUX EQUAL TO THE ESTIMATED MARGIN PERCENTAGES LISTED BELOW:

MANUFACTURER/PRODUCER EXPORTER	IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	WEIGHTED-AVERAGE MARGIN PERCENTAGE
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FOR CA CEMENT AND CEMENT CLINKER:

LAFARGE FONDU INTERNATIONAL  
AND LAFARGE CALCIUM

ALUMINATES INC	A-427-812-001	18.91%
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ALL OTHERS	A-427-812-000	18.91%
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FOR CA FLUX:

LAFARGE FONDU INTERNATIONAL  
AND LAFARGE CALCIUM

ALUMINATES INC.	A-427-215-001	31.08%
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ALL OTHERS	A-427-215-000	31.08%
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5. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS, PLEASE CONTACT THE TRADE COMPLIANCE DIVISION, AD/CVD BRANCH, CUSTOMS HEADQUARTERS VIA E-MAIL ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB". THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT IRENE DARZENTA OR SHAWN THOMPSON OF THE OFFICE OF ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATIONS, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AT (202) 482-6320 OR (202) 482-3965, RESPECTIVELY.

THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION.

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## Company Details

\*Party Indicator Value:

I = Importer, M = Manufacturer, E = Exporter, S = Sold To Party